

Crater Rim Drive *continued*

Short Walks

Sulphur Banks

See where volcanic gases seep from the ground, depositing sulphur crystals and other minerals on rocks along this paved trail and boardwalk. Walk from Kīlauea Visitor Center (.4 mile / .6 km) one way) or take the wheelchair accessible trail from Steam Vents parking area (.5 mile / .8 km one way).

Thurston Lava Tube (Nāhuku)

Walk through lush rain forest to explore a 500-year old lava tube (.5 mile / .8 km loop trail). Restrooms and water are available.

Halema‘uma‘u Crater Overlook

Walk 10-minutes to the rim of this steaming crater, the heart of the volcano. Please respect this sacred site, the home of volcano deity Pele (.5 mile / .8 km roundtrip).

Devastation Trail

Stroll on a paved path where an ‘ōhi‘a forest was devastated by Kīlauea Iki’s 1959 eruption. See plants returning to this stark landscape (.5 mile / .8 km one way).

Hike

Kīlauea Iki

Descend 400-feet (122 m) through native rain forest into a crater and hike across a frozen lava lake still steaming from the 1959 eruption.

Park at Kīlauea Iki Overlook to begin with a spectacular view (4 miles / 6.4 km loop trail).

Chain of Craters Road

This 19-mile (30 km) one-way drive descends 3,700 feet (1,128 m) to the coast and ends where lava has covered 10-miles of road since 1983. Allow at least three hours round-trip, depending on how often you stop and how far you hike.

There are no services (water, gasoline, or food) on this road. Accessible toilets are located at Mauna Ulu parking lot and the end of the road. There is an emergency 911 phone at Pu‘uloa Petroglyphs trailhead.

Hikes

As of July 21, 2007, the Nāpau Trail is closed beyond Pu‘u Huluhulu because of recent volcanic activity. Check with a ranger for updates.

Pu‘u Huluhulu Cinder Cone

Hike over 1973–1974 lava flows to a viewing area atop a 150-foot (45 m) cinder cone. Weather permitting, see Kīlauea’s East Rift, Pu‘u ‘Ō‘ō, and Mauna Ulu. Trail begins at Mauna Ulu parking lot (2.6 miles / 4.2 km round-trip hike).

Pu‘u Loa Petroglyphs

A traditional Hawaiian trail leads to images artfully etched in stone. Petroglyphs are fragile so watch your step. Trail begins at Pu‘u Loa Petroglyphs pullout (1.5 miles / 2.4 km round-trip).

Where Can I See Lava?

For updated lava viewing conditions, call 808-985-6000 or check at the Kīlauea Visitor Center.

Currently, lava is flowing in a remote and roadless area of the island. The activity can not be seen from any roads or trails. Lava is not entering the ocean.

Volcanic gases and Pu‘u ‘Ō‘ō may be visible from Pu‘u Huluhulu Cinder Cone listed above.

- Lava viewing is unpredictable.
- Lava flow activity is always changing.

What Will I See at the End of Chain of Craters Road?

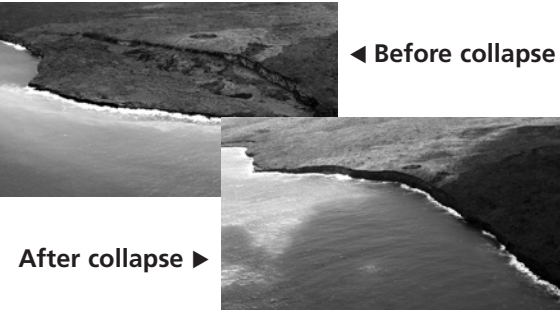
Sometimes you can see lava flows from the end of the road without hiking. During the day, you might see fumes on the hillside or steam clouds at the ocean. After dark, flowing lava and red glow may be visible in the distance from the road. *The end of the road is wheelchair accessible with accessible toilets at the vehicle turnaround.*

Avoid volcanic fumes and steam clouds. Winds can bring volcanic gases from the Pu‘u ‘Ō‘ō vent and ocean entries towards hikers and parked cars.

Are you ready?

- Bring 2 to 3 quarts / liters of water per person.
- Wear a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. *The coast is hot and windy.*
- Wear sturdy shoes. *It can be a long hike over cracked, uneven, and slippery rock.*
- Bring one reliable flashlight per person if hiking after dusk or before dawn.

Don’t venture out on new land created where lava enters the ocean. ■ Recently, over 43 acres of land collapsed into the ocean without warning.



- Lava entering the ocean can cause huge steam explosions that throw rocks hundreds of yards / meters.
- Sea waves wash on hot rock creating scalding steam.
- Shifting winds can engulf nearby visitors in acid gases.



Help Protect the Endangered Nēnē
(Hawaiian Goose)

Do Not Feed Nēnē

A fed nēnē is a dead nēnē. They learn to approach cars and cruise parking lots.

Cars Kill Nēnē

Watch for nēnē along roadsides. Slow down at posted Nēnē Crossing areas.

